

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the rejection of the claims.

Applicants have amended claims 25, 28, 57 and 63. Applicants submit the amendments are supported throughout the specification.

The previously withdrawn method claims have been rejoined.

Applicants have amended the first line of the specification to update the priority claim as specified in the transmittal document.

Interview summary

Applicants thank Examiner Parkin for the interviews conducted on June 22 and June 26, 2007. We discussed rejoinder of the method claims based on the allowable product claims. We discussed that the method claims are supported by the data in the Examples in the specification, and the high degree of sequence identity of at least the N terminal sequences as shown in the specification at pages 24-26. We also discussed the language of claim 25 with regard to “such as” and the steps of the method claims. We agreed that the method claims would be rejoined and would be amended to address 112 issues regarding the steps of the method. We agreed to remove the “such as” language from the claims.

Summary

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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